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SUBJECT: RAS MENGESHA'S TRAVEL PLANS

REF: KHARTOUM 0143 (NOTAL)

1. QUERIES AT FONMIN HAVE ELICITED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING IN THE GOI OF RAS MENGESHA'S TRAVEL STATUS AND POSSIBLE PLANS.

2. APPARENTLY THE RAS IS IN THE SUDAN WITH A SON, A NEPHEW AND A COUSIN. GOI BELIEVES SOME OR ALL OF THE FAMILY GROUP MAY HAVE RECEIVED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE IN KHARTOUM THAT THEY QUALIFY AS POLITICAL REFUGEES UNDER GENEVA CONVENTION ON REFUGEES. THEY ARE NOW BELIEVED TO BE AWAITING RECEIPT OF APPROPRIATE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS FROM GOS.

3. ONE OR MORE OF GROUP HAVE APPLIED AT ITALIAN
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EMBASSY IN KHARTOUM FOR VISITORS (NOT RESIDENT)

VISAS TO ITALY. FONMIN IS UNDER IMPRESSION THAT STOP IN ITALY WOULD BE TEMPORARY, PREPARATORY TO SENDING YOUNGER MEMBERS TO OTHER COUNTRIES (CANADA AND SWEDEN MENTIONED AS SPECIFIC POSSIBILITIES) FOR SCHOOLING.

4. PROTECTION OF ITALY'S REMAINING COMMERCIAL AND OTHER INTERESTS IN ETHIOPIA REQUIRES GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE DIRG. THE GOI THEREFORE WOULD PREFER TO AVOID A POSSIBLE REQUEST FOR POLITICAL ASYLEE STATUS BY THE RAS AFTER ARRIVAL IN ITALY. HE IS MORE LIKELY TO RECEIVE A VISA PROMPTLY AFTER HE HAS BEEN GIVEN ASYLEE STATUS AND DOCUMENTATION BY THE SUDAN. VOLPE

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